DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT EXPERT WITNESSES IN A CRIMINAL CASE

CHAPTER 459

H.B. No. 510

AN ACT

relating to disclosure of certain information about expert witnesses in a criminal case.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 39.14(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) On [motion of] a party's request made not later than the 30th day before the date that jury selection in the trial is scheduled to begin or, in a trial without a jury, the presentation of evidence is scheduled to begin, the party receiving the request shall [party and on notice to the other parties, the court in which an action is pending may order one or more of the other-parties to disclose to the requesting party [making the motion] the name and address of each person the disclosing [other] party may use at trial to present evidence under Rules 702, 703, and 705, Texas Rules of Evidence. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the disclosure must be made in writing in hard copy form or by electronic means [The court shall specify in the order the time and manner in which the other party must make the disclosure to the moving party, but in specifying the time in which the other party shall make disclosure the court shall require the other party to make the disclosure not later than the 20th day before the date that jury selection in the trial is scheduled to begin or, in a trial without a jury, the presentation of evidence is scheduled to begin. On motion of a party and on notice to the other parties, the court may order an earlier time at which one or more of the other parties must make the disclosure to the requesting party [begins].

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the prosecution of an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. The prosecution of an offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2015: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR LEGACY SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

CHAPTER 460

H.B. No. 1890

AN ACT

relating to the development and implementation of a statewide strategy for legacy system modernization.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Q to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Q. LEGACY SYSTEM MODERNIZATION STRATEGY

Sec. 2054.571. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "legacy system" means a computer system or application program that is operated with obsolete or inefficient hardware or software technology.

Sec. 2054.572. LEGACY SYSTEM MODERNIZATION STRATEGY. (a) The department shall, in collaboration with state agencies other than institutions of higher education, develop a legacy system modernization strategy to guide the state in legacy system modernization efforts.

- (b) The strategy must:
 - (1) plan for legacy system modernization statewide and at the agency level;
 - (2) establish a statewide application development framework;
 - (3) facilitate standardization and collaboration among state agencies; and
- (4) promote the use of common technology solutions and collective purchasing by the state.

Sec. 2054.573. REPORTING SERVICE. The department shall implement a shared data reporting and business analytics service, with appropriate security isolation, for state agencies other than institutions of higher education. The department may launch the service as a pilot program with a limited number of state agencies in order to validate a solution before implementing a statewide service.

Sec. 2054.574. APPLICATION PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall develop and implement a shared application portfolio management program for state agencies that includes best practices and tools to assist state agencies in managing applications. The department may launch the program as a pilot program with a limited number of state agencies in order to validate solutions before offering the program on a statewide basis.

(b) The department may contract for and offer the program to other entities under Section 2054.0565.

Sec. 2054.575. SECURITY ISSUES RELATED TO LEGACY SYSTEMS. (a) A state agency shall, with available funds, identify information security issues and develop a plan to prioritize the remediation and mitigation of those issues.

- (b) The department shall, on request, facilitate collaborative efforts among state agencies to develop a plan described by Subsection (a).
- (c) A plan developed under this section, along with any information or communication prepared or maintained for use in the preparation of the plan, is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

Sec. 2054.576. SHARED SOLUTIONS. (a) In considering and implementing new applications or remediation strategies, state agencies shall prioritize standardization and consolidation by emphasizing shared solutions, including those delivered as a service through the Internet.

(b) The department may contract for and offer shared solutions, including those delivered as a service through the Internet, to other entities under Section 2054.0565.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 9, 2015: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2015.

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